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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

In the claims please amend the following:

- 1. (Amended) A video communication system comprising:
 - (a) at least one analog video-signal source;
 - (b) a plurality of video display devices;
 - (c) at least one communication control component configured
 - (i) to produce digital control-signals; and

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